Chapter 9:
Inside a Labyrinth

STAFF ROOM
A GHOST STORY ABOUT A DISMEMBERED BODY?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEEN IN THIS SCHOOL FOR SO MANY YEARS, HE HASN'T HEARD OF IT.
HOW ABOUT A TEACHER WHO'S A FORMER GRADUATE OF THIS SCHOOL?
A FORMER GRADUATE FROM KOUSAKA?
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE GHOST STORY OF THE DEAD BODIES THAT WERE TORN TO PIECES?
AT THE MOMENT THAT WOULD BE ME, HUH...
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ONE WHERE THEY WERE HIT BY A TRAIN, RIGHT?

THERE WAS A FORMER TEACHER FROM KOUSAKA...
HE KNEW A LOT ABOUT THOSE KINDS OF STORIES
AH.. THAT'S RIGHT
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THAT STORY OF A DEAD BODY ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
WHERE IS THIS TEACHER NOW...?
UNFOR-TUNATELY...
IN AN ACCIDENT
HE DIED MANY YEARS AGO.

WE DIDN'T FIND OUT ANYTHING IN THE END...
AND WE DIDN'T FIND THE LOST JOURNALS FROM THE LITERATURE CLUB, EITHER...
SFX: burning rage
WAIT A MINUTE!!
WHO WAS IT?! WHO JUST CALLED ME "CREEPY"?!
STILL NO CLUES HUH...
OH, IT'S THE CREEPY POLICE DETECTIVE.

SFX hisss
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU THE NEXT TIME YOU SAY THAT!!
Yeah, yeah, is that so?
MR DETECTIVE, ABOUT ASAGI-SENPAI...
THAT ASIDE, ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT? BEING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS,
AREN'T YOU CURSED?
.....
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN TELL YOU.

I'VE HEARD THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEST OF COURAGE ARE TREMBLING AT HOME
SFX BAM
Annoyed
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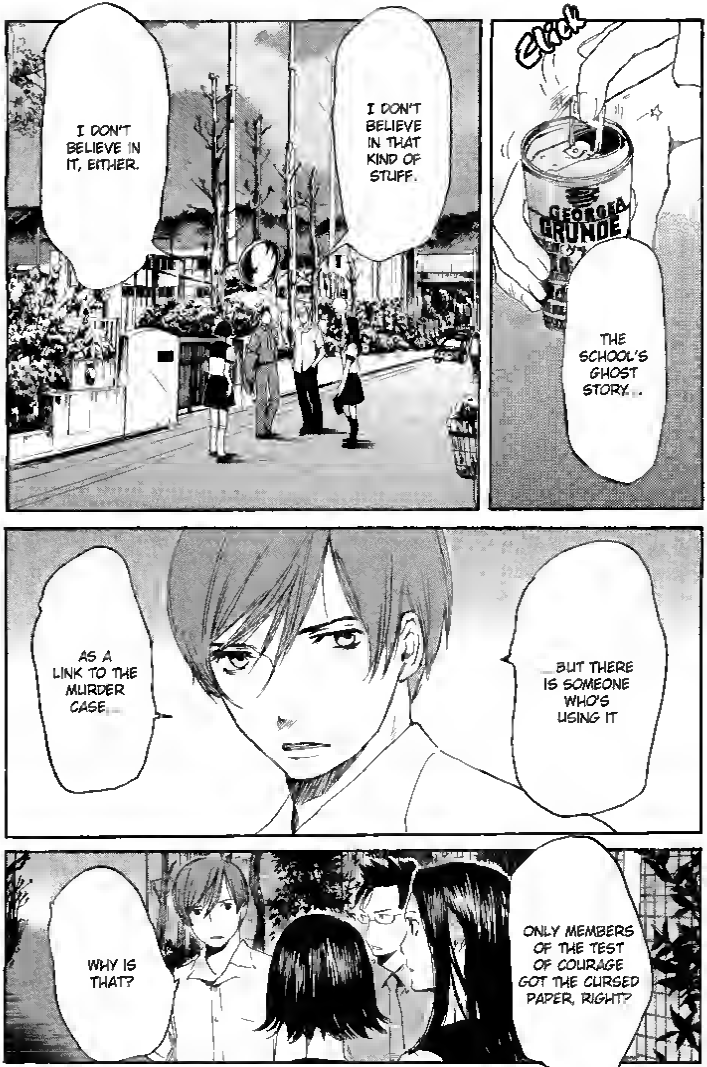
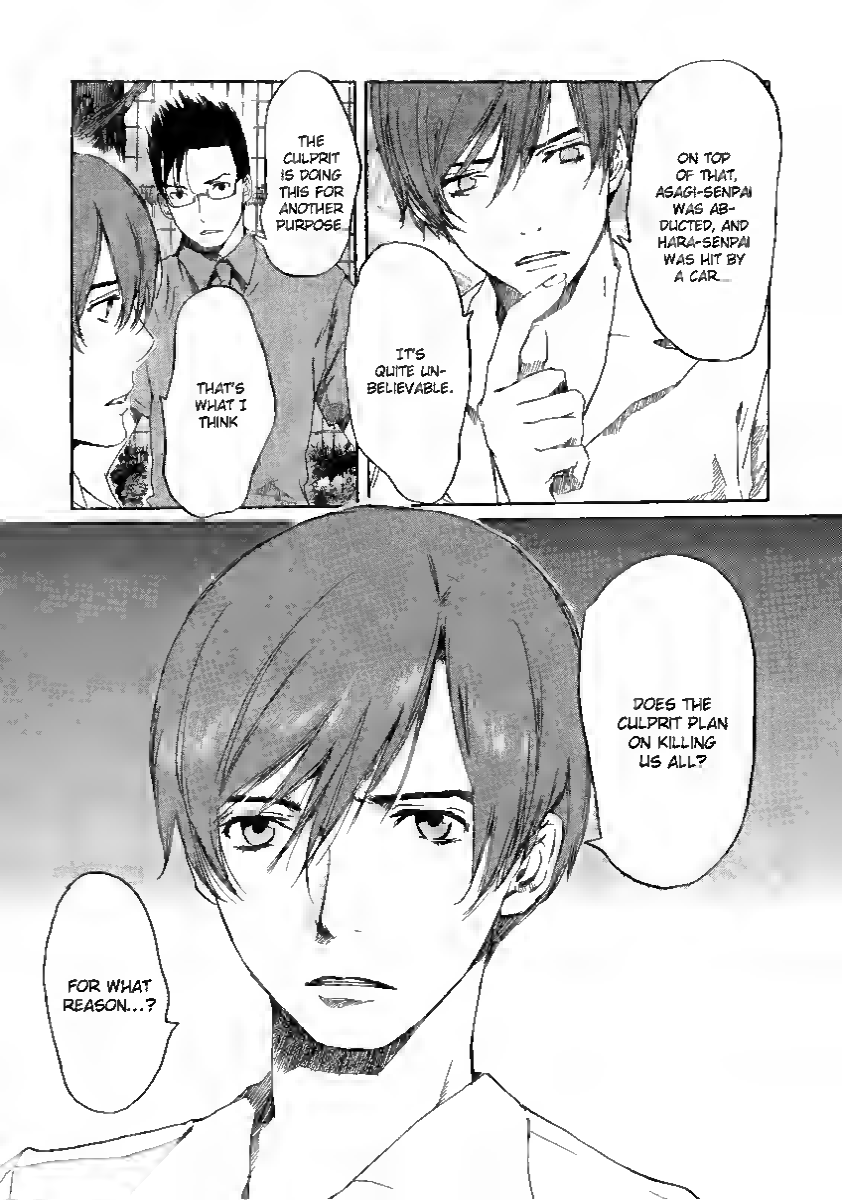
SFX Irritated

You hit me—
I'm...
YOU'RE THE WORST!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, IDIOT?
MATSUKI -SAN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR INTERFERING WITH THE DUTIES OF A PUBLIC SERVANT!
Grab
Grab


I DON'T BELIEVE IN IT, EITHER.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT KIND OF STUFF.
Eh?
GEORGIA GRUNDE
THE SCHOOL'S GHOST STORY...
AS A LINK TO THE MURDER CASE...
...BUT THERE IS SOMEONE WHO'S USING IT
WHY IS THAT?
ONLY MEMBERS OF THE TEST OF COURAGE GOT THE CURSED PAPER, RIGHT?

THE POSSIBILITIES I CAN THINK OF ARE...
NO. 1: IT'S A HORRIBLE PRANK
NO. 2: IT'S HARASSMENT FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST US
NO. 3: THE CULPRIT IS DOING IT FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE
...I DON'T THINK THIS IS A PRANK
ASAGI WENT MISSING, AND LOCKS OF HER HAIR WERE LEFT BEHIND...
WE DON'T KNOW YET IF IT WAS ASAGI-SENPAI'S HAIR...

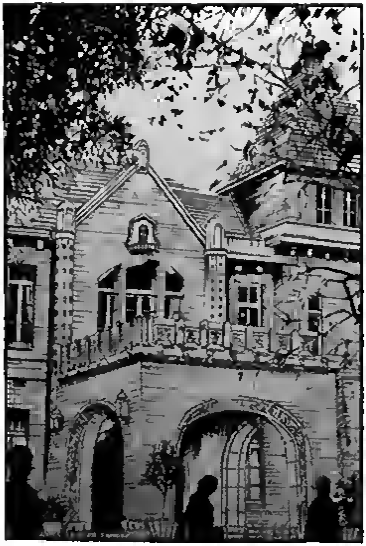
THERE ARE ALREADY RESULTS FROM THE DNA TEST
IT WAS HER HAIR.
.....
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE CULPRIT IS DOING THIS BECAUSE HE/SHE HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST US
WE DON'T PARTICULARLY HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON
WE'RE ALL JUST STUDENTS FROM THE SAME SCHOOL.
COULD THIS BE A THREAT FROM A MEMBER OF THE TEST OF COURAGE TO SOMEONE?
WOULD THAT PERSON KILL ANOTHER FOR SUCH A REASON?


ON TOP OF THAT, ASAGI-SENPAI WAS ABDUCTED, AND HARA-SENPAI WAS HIT BY A CAR...
IT'S QUITE UNBELIEVABLE.
THE CULPRIT IS DOING THIS FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE
THAT'S WHAT I THINK
DOES THE CULPRIT PLAN ON KILLING US ALL?
FOR WHAT REASON...?

THE CAR THAT HIT ME,
I HEARD THAT THEY FOUND IT
REALLY?
IT WAS A STOLEN CAR
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO WAS DRIVING IT
.....
I'M SCARED...

.....
...WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
ARE WE ALL GOING TO DIE...?
MATSUKI-SAN WHAT ARE YOU RESEAR-CHING?
.. THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
KOUSAKA HIGH SCHOOL'S OLD SCHOOL BUILDING DISMEMBERED MURDER CASE

DURING MY INVESTIGATION I FOUND
A LOT OF YOUNG WOMEN HAVE GONE MISSING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
YOUNG WOMEN...?
THEY'RE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE AS OUR CURRENT VICTIMS
ONE WAS FIVE YEARS AGO...
ANOTHER WAS SEVEN YEARS AGO...
IF I SEARCH FURTHER THERE MIGHT BE EVEN MORE...
IS THERE A CONNECTION TO OUR CURRENT CASE...?



...THIS PLACE IS SO HEAVILY GUARDED...
BE AT EASE SINCE YOU'RE BEING TARGETED, WE HIRED BODYGUARDS.

I DON'T KNOW.
IF THERE'S A CONNECTION...
THEN, WE HAVE AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS CASE ON OUR HANDS...

I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
WITHOUT THE JOURNAL, WE CAN'T INVESTIGATE THE GHOST STORY ANY FURTHER...
THIS HOUSE IS OLD WE MIGHT FIND SOMETHING ABOUT THE PAST FROM THIS PLACE
THERE'S A ROOM FULL OF BOOKS IN THE BASEMENT.
DO YOU WANT TO CHECK IT OUT...?
.....
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE SCHOOL, BUT...

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